

FCC Commissioners
The Federal Communications Commission RE: Docket 04-435
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Commissioners ,

I am writing to voice my dismay about FCC's proposal to relax restrictions on cell phone use during airline flights.

There is not one place left where cell phones are not in use today. Whether it's in theatres, in restaurants, in classes, in the mall, or in restrooms, cell phones are used widely -- and often rudely. What's to keep such rude behavior from occurring on airline flights?

While I am certainly not opposed to using cell phones in PUBLIC locales, I am OPPOSED to allowing their use on airline flights for two reasons.

First, flying is a tense proposition these days. With long waits in security lines, lack of food on many nonstop flights, and increasingly crowded cabins, flying is not a joyful experience. Allowing people to use cell phones during flight, in cramped cabins where we cannot simply walk away from the distraction, is begging for trouble! Flight attendants already have their hands full dealing with a multitude of safety/security issues. All it takes is ONE rude passenger, talking loudly on his/her cell phone, and refusing to quiet down to create an even more tense situation on flights.

Second, I am not convinced that cell phone usage will not interfere with airline communications equipment. One in-flight disaster is one too many to contemplate the use of cell phones during flights.

Cell phones are a modern-day convenience. But I also pay for the privilege of flying. That privilege allows me, as a passenger, to say "No" to cell phone use during flights.

Do the right thing: DON'T allow cell phone usage to disrupt airline passengers' flight time and rights.

Sincerely,

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